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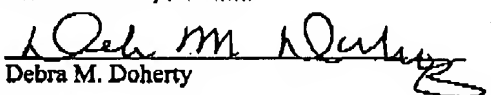
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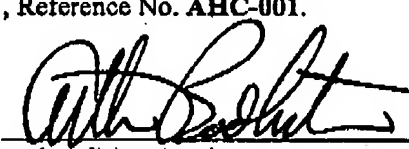
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In response to the office action of November 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.